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**House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC 20515**

February 1, 2012

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Ms. Cynthia A. Brown  
Chief, Section on Administration  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: FD 3559<sup>5</sup>, Saratoga & North Creek Railroad LLC: Operation Exemption, File #231173

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing to express my support for the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad application for a permit to initiate freight service from North Creek to Tahawus.

I understand that the railroad is seeking authority from your agency to extend its current common carrier railroad operations northward over this line. The proposed service would enable this railroad to bring industry to an economically depressed portion of New York State suffering from high unemployment. Furthermore, it is understood that the use of this rail will serve as a green alternative to heavy trucks being used to transport materials.

The proposal has wide-ranging support from local government officials, community leaders, area industry, and ordinary citizens. In addition, the North County Regional Economic Development plan, which was state sponsored and approved, highlights the preservation and rehabilitation of all remaining rail infrastructure within the Adirondacks.

I am pleased to lend my support to the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad, and I ask that you carefully consider this application. Please contact my office with any questions at (518) 610-8133, or PO Box 775, Kinderhook, NY 12106.

Very Sincerely,

Chris Gibson  
Member of Congress

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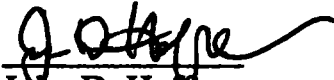
**FD 35559**

**SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC  
—OPERATION EXEMPTION—  
TAHAWUS LINE**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the "Support letter of US Congressman Chris Gibson" on behalf of Saratoga And North Creek Railway, LLC, dated February 1, 2012, in the above-captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail and/or electronic transmission to all parties on the Board's service list on February 1, 2012:

  
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